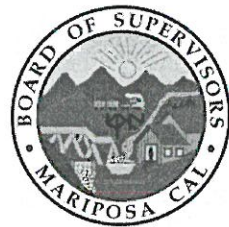


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-410

MEETING: August 12, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: El Portal Fire Declaration Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The wild land fire known as the El Portal Fire started in Mariposa County on or about July 26, 2014 and has done damage to structures, land, bridges and roads.

On August 2, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Proclaimed a State of Emergency for this and other fires.

It is recommended that your Board adopt the attached Declaration Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency and Requesting a Presidential Declaration of a State of Emergency for the County of Mariposa.

The El Portal Fire has specifically caused damage to bridges and roads in Mariposa County to the degree that local resources have been impacted and a declaration proclaiming a local emergency is being requested.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Your Board has made or ratified similar declarations during other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not declare a local emergency the County will not be eligible for possible State or Federal disaster assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

El Portal Fire Proclamation (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Rick Benson, County Administrator 8/7/01

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

AYES: Lee Stetson, Merlin Jones, Kevin Cann, John Carrier

EXCUSED: Janet Bibby

**DECLARATION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND REQUESTING (1) THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF
EMERGENCY AND (2) A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the County of Mariposa when it is affected or likely to be affected by the existence or threatened existence of conditions of emergency or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Mariposa County, caused by the El Portal Fire which started on or about July 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on August 2 2014, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency for the County of Mariposa and other counties; and

WHEREAS, the El Portal Fire is causing ongoing damage to County and other public and district facilities, including but not limited to roads and structures within Mariposa County, the extent of which has not been completely compiled; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the effects of this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY DECLARED that a local emergency now exists throughout Mariposa County; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency services organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of Mariposa County approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California and to the President of the United States with the request that they proclaim the County of Mariposa to be in a state of emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Richard J. Benson, County Administrative Officer and Emergency Services Officer, or his designee, is hereby designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of assessing damage within Mariposa County and consulting with federal/state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions; and


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Richard J. Benson, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance, and Richard J. Benson, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance of the County of Mariposa for purposes of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Mariposa also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal relief programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the local State of Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.

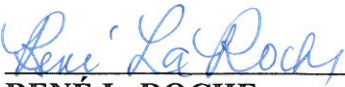
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 12th day of August, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Stetson, Jones, Cann, Carrier
NOES: None
EXCUSED: Bibby



KEVIN CANN, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



RENÉ LaROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel